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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed August 16, 2002 (Paper No. 17), Applicants respectfully submit this request for the following amendments and for reconsideration of the subject application in view of the amendments and remarks provided below.

In the Office Action a shortened statutory period for response was set, ending November 16, 2002. Enclosed herewith is a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. The petition authorizes the office to charge the necessary fee for a three-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 01-0519 in the name of Amgen Inc. Because February 16, 2003 and February 17, 2003 fall on a Sunday and a Federal holiday, respectively, the extended deadline for response is effectively Tuesday, February 18, 2003. Applicants submit therefore that his amendment is timely filed.

The Office Action indicated that claims 76, 78, 80, 82-83 & 87 were allowable and that the suspension due to a potential interference was withdrawn in view of a newly

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